**Grammar Spotlight- Commas, Part II**

**Today, we continue with comma rules. Below are 8 rules that apply to commas.**

**1. Use commas between things listed in a series.**

**I like peanuts, popcorn, and crackerjack.**

**The gymnast was able to do a flip, a handspring, and a cartwheel.**

**2. Use commas between the names of cities and states.**

**We live in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.**

**3. Use a comma between a day and a year when using a date.**

**Today is February 20, 2014.**

**4. Use a comma to set off a noun when speaking directly to someone.**

**Romeo, oh Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?**

**5. Use a comma when setting off direct quotations in a sentence**

**My mother always said, “Do your best.”**

**“We have social studies homework tonight,” Mr. P announced.**

**He screamed, “Throw it to me!”**

**6. Use commas with numbers longer than three digits**

**1,435 7,309,255 123,456,789,101,112**

**7. Use a comma in a letter after the salutation and at the end before your signature.**

**Dear Aunt Mary, Sincerely yours,**

**8. When listing two adjectives next to each other.**

**The tall, distinguished woman spoke to us. The evil, nasty dog growled at us.**

**Practice: Add commas, using yesterday’s rules and today’s rules.**

**1. Before April 15 1912 people thought the *Titanic* was unsinkable.**

**2. Sarah’s mom sold 2512 boxes of Girl Scout cookies but Sarah still came in third place.**

**3. Before dinner Mom yelled “Wash your hands!”**

**4. I used to live in Exeter Pennsylvania but now I live in Denver PA.**

**5. Ryan you must stop crying and write this essay or you will fail 7th grade.**

**6. Although I read *The Illustrated Man* *The Martian Chronicles* and *Fahrenheit 451* this year I still don’t like science fiction.**

**7. Mandy came home from school washed her car did her homework and read a long difficult novel.**

**8. Yes I realize that London England is a long way from home but if I can save $9500 I can buy a ticket to meet Julie Andrews.**

**9. “I don’t understand chemical weathering” the student whined and we all knew he’d probably fail the quiz.**

**10. Mr. Truex our English teacher plans on giving us a quiz on commas next week so I’d better be paying attention right now.**

**Very very sincerely**

**Mr. Truex**